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## BERLIN CLAIMS THE BATTLE

### Vice Admiral Scheer's Fleet Won the Victory

FOUGHT THE BRITISH SQUADRON TO A STANDSTILL AND REMAINED IN POSSESSION OF THE FIELD

(Associated Press)

Berlin, (By Wireless), June 3.—The first naval battle on a grand scale that has occurred during the war was attended by results highly satisfactory to the Germans, according to information received here, both in respect to the comparative losses of the opposing forces and the fact that the Germans held the field after the engagement. This is shown, the Germans claim, by the rescue of their survivors.

A full German high sea fleet engaged under Vice Admiral Scheer, the fleet admiral, a British fleet now estimated approximately twice as strong as the Germans. The engagement apparently occurred 125 miles southwest of Southern Norway and 150 miles off the coast of Denmark. It was divided into day and night battles. The exact ranges are not known. All the German ships taking part in the engagement except those named reached port safely. The admiralty stated there were at least 34 British capital ships engaged.

### ENGLISH DO NOT AGREE WITH THEIR ENEMIES

London, June 3.—Captain William Hall, chief of the admiralty intelligence division, in a statement given the Associated Press today, declared that the dreadnaughts Marlborough and Warspite, which the Germans claim were sunk in the recent naval engagement between German and British fleets in the North Sea, are safely in harbor. The portion of the British fleet which engaged the Germans was much inferior to the enemy and drove the Germans into harbor, he said.

The British admiralty has officially announced that the total number of British destroyers lost in the naval engagement was eight. The announcement adds that of the three German battle cruisers, either the Deflinger or Lutzow, were sunk, another cruiser is said to have been disabled and a third damaged. One German cruiser was damaged and six German destroyers were sunk. The Deflinger and Lutzow were built by the same firm and were twenty-six hundred tons each. They were armed with twelve-inch guns and twelve twenty-two inch guns.

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## TWOMBLY & HENNEY WILL COMPLETE THE TASK

CITY COUNCIL DECIDES THAT CHARGES AGAINST ENGINEERS AND MACHINERY ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED

Work on the new light and water plant will proceed. The contract will be carried out under the supervision of Twombly & Henney, engineers. Council in session last night gave further hearing to those who have been finding fault with the specifications for the plant, and heard the replies of the engineers to the criticisms. Mr. David Henney asked the council for a definite understanding as to the status of his firm in the matter, and he was informed that his firm would remain in charge.

Criticisms of the De La Vergne engine and other machinery called for in the specifications, and bitter attacks against Twombly & Henney, were made by Mr. H. W. Tucker, who stated that his only object was to save the city money. He had no desire to persecute anyone, he said. He opened his attack on Twombly & Henney by having the city clerk read a letter from Thomas B. Whitted, who represents one of the engines turned down by the city, and who was recently before council making complaint. The letter stated that the specifications prepared by Twombly & Henney had been laughed at by reputable engineers. It attacked the ability of the city's engineers, saying that they had never carried to successful completion any piece of work. "The city is stuck," the letter said. It said that if the present plans were carried out the Camps could afford to raise their rates for current, meaning that the cost of producing current in the new plant, as designed, would be so much higher. It stated that Twombly & Henney had failed on a sewer contract in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Tucker told council that he believed he could save the city \$21,000. He contended that with the De La Vergne engine it would cost the city three and a quarter cents per K. W. hour to produce current, and proposed a conference of engineers to see if this was, or was not true. Mr. Tucker contended that the bond money is being used illegally in the erection of the new plant. He said that the specifications contained errors, and that, among other things, a generator and a cooling tower were not covered in the specifications.

Mr. Henney, in reply to the charges made by Mr. Tucker, stated that his firm had never had a sewerage contract in Brooklyn, and he characterized the statement in the letter of Mr. Whitted as a plain lie. The engineer then gave council some evidence of the ability of Mr. Twombly and himself. He said that it was but fair that he do so, in view of the attacks. Mr. Alex. Twombly, he said, was a good electrical engineer and a good civil engineer, who for years was chief engineer for S. D. Warren & Co., large paper manufacturers. Mentioning some of the work done by himself, Mr. Henney told council that he had prepared the specifications for the central lighting plant in Washington, which provides current for the capitol building and grounds, the congressional library, the House and Senate office buildings, and the supreme court building. This, Mr. Henney said, was a \$1,250,000 contract, and his specifications were said by engineers to be the clearest they had ever seen. He said that he represented the Westinghouse interests at the time, and secured for them the contract for the plant after the bids had been rigidly gone over by a committee of reputable engineers including Prof. Woodbridge of the Massachusetts School of Technology. Mr. Henney said that he had entire charge of constructing the terminal and power plant of the Grand Trunk railway, Ottawa, Canada. He said that he had handled hundreds of contracts, large and small, and among them he spoke of work on the Pennsylvania railroad terminal in New York, Carnegie Hall and Roosevelt hospital in that city, Cornell University buildings, and big office buildings in Pittsburgh. Ocala's new plant, he said, could be put in one corner of the coal bunker of the Washington lighting plant.

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## PARADES IN FAVOR OF PREPAREDNESS

Hundreds of Thousands of Men Marching in Great American Cities Today

(Associated Press)

Chicago, June 3.—It is estimated that it will take 19 hours for the thousands marching in the preparedness parade here today to pass a given point.

IN NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, June 3.—Thirty-five thousand people marched in the preparedness parade here today.

## SENATOR TILLMAN WANTS MORE SHIPS

Intends to Lead the Fight for a Great Increase in Our Naval Armament

(Associated Press)

Washington, June 3.—Senator Tillman, chairman of the naval committee, has announced that he will lead the fight in the Senate to amend the naval bill to provide for six battle cruisers and two dreadnaughts.

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## ENGLISH HAD THE WORST OF IT

Tried to Head Off the Retiring Teutons

THE BRITISH MADE THEIR USUAL ERROR OF ATTACKING WITHOUT COUNTING THE ODDS AGAINST THEM

(Associated Press)

London, June 3.—Fuller details of the naval battle emphasize the German advantage in losses inflicted on the British while escaping with considerable smaller losses themselves. The Germans estimate the British tonnage destroyed during the battle at 133,000 tons, with a German loss of 23,000 tons. This is probably based on the assumption that the British warship Warspite, of 27,500 tons, was sunk. The British admiralty denies that this warship was lost.

### MANY BRAVE MEN LOST ON BOTH SIDES

Among the additions to the vessels lost is the new German cruiser Elbing, of between four and five thousand tons, and the British destroyer Shark. The Elbing carried 450 men.

London dispatches say it is estimated that the British lost around 5000 men, the Germans between 2000 and 3000. The admiralty has been advised that the entire crew of officers and men of the Queen Mary were lost.

### BRITISH HAD ONLY FOUR BATTLESHIPS

None of the accounts show that the main British fleet was engaged. Four battleships were supporting a battle cruiser squadron. These speedy warships, it is supposed, attempted to block the German retreat. This cost the British the heaviest loss.

### AIRSHIPS GAVE GERMANS THE ADVANTAGE

Zeppelins, acting as scouts, accounts say, gave the Germans the advantage in disposing their forces. Two Zeppelins were reported destroyed.

### AUSTRIANS AND GERMANS CONTINUE TO ATTACK

The Germans are continuing their efforts to force the French lines northeast of Verdun. Attacking Fort Vaux last night, Paris says, the Germans penetrated a deep ditch north of the main French position. Spirited fighting is reported in the Argonne.

The Austrians are desperately attacking the Italians in the Tyrol and claim the capture of several strategic positions in Arsiero.

### BRITAIN IN MOURNING

Portsmouth, England, June 3.—The news of the disaster to the British ships came like a thunderbolt here. Crowds besieged the dockyards and newspaper offices all last night for news of friends and relatives among the crews of the lost vessels. The Queen Mary, Black Prince, Sparrowhawk and Ardent belonged here. There were many pathetic scenes.

### "J. Q." HAD A NICE WAD

Our old friend, J. Q. Smith, of Center Hill, a member of the big family of Smith brothers and also of the Ocala Elks and a frequent visitor here, has just sold his range cattle for the neat sum of \$35,000 in cold cash.

Mr. Smith is a mighty well fixed man in cash and lands and is going to retire and take life easy. He likes Ocala and is considering coming here to reside. He is the kind of citizen of whom we cannot have too many and the Star hopes he will come to Ocala to reside. Mr. Smith is a brother of United States Deputy Collector Smith.

## ALMOST EVEN

Later Reports Show Germans Suffered Heavily and that Another Big Fight is Impending

(Associated Press)

London, June 3.—A Berlin wireless received here says the German admiralty admits the sinking of the dreadnaught Westfalen, 18,600 tons. The latest British statement says the British fleet went out looking for a fight, and indicates that the admiralty does not view the outcome as unfavorable to the British. If latest reports are true the German losses in men nearly matched the British losses.

### ANOTHER BATTLE IMPENDING

An unconfirmed report was circulated here today that eight German warships took refuge in Danish waters. The Germans have been given twenty-four hours in which to leave, and it is reported that a British fleet is waiting outside for the Germans to appear.

### MR. WOOD IN OCALA

F. A. Wood of St. Petersburg, candidate for governor, began his speech from the bandstand at about 2:45 o'clock. At 3 o'clock but a small crowd had gathered, probably because it is Saturday. He was introduced by Mr. L. W. Duval, county member of the state executive committee, and from the start launched into an attack upon the fee system of the state, the abolition of which is one of the main planks of his platform.

### ISN'T HIS ACT

Senator Bryan is Not the Daddy of the Corrupt Practices Law

Lakeland, June 2.—Senator Nathan P. Bryan, who was in this city yesterday, took occasion to call attention to what he considered an unfair statement in an editorial in a Tampa paper deploring the fact that A. J. Angle's name had been left off the ballot and laying this fact to the "primary law."

Senator Bryan is generally known as the author of the primary law but it is one of the requirements of the Trammell "corrupt practices" act that caused Angle's name to be left off the ticket. With that law Senator Bryan had no connection and he takes exception to the charge that Angle's name was not put on the ballot through the workings of the primary law.

"It was due to the corrupt practices act that Mr. Angle's name did not get on the ballot," said he. "Not to any cause of the primary law. Any effort to shift responsibility on me for the details of the corrupt practices act is unfair and unjust."

10 and 25 cent bats at The Book Shop. 3t

A couple of the clerks from the Commercial Bank of Ocala will be treated to bottled coca-cola if they will call at the net's stand of Alber Gerig and present this notice. The Ocala Coca-Cola Bottling Works. 1t

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